



**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (ES) ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (ESAC)
Collections/Recycling/Public Information Outreach
Subcommittee**

Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes

Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 3:30 p.m.
Ward 6 Conference Room
Ward 6 Office – 3202 E. 1st Street, Tucson, Arizona

Roll Call –

Present:

Yvonne Merrill
Kristin Broksas
Sandra Fimbres

Representative, Ward 1
Representative, City Manager's Office
Representative, City Manager's Office

Absent: None

Staff Members Present:

Pat Tapia
Fran LaSala
Cristina Polsgrove

Administrator, ES
Environmental Manager, ES
Public Information Officer, ES

1. **Chair Report on Current Events – Kristin Broksas** Discussion regarding use of targeted recycling for City services stemming from success from Golf Recycling held. County libraries are not an option as the City does not manage their collections. Parks and Recreation buildings, the Zoo, and Neighborhood Centers discussed as options for targeted recycling and future research. Information regarding targeted recycling options to be provided at the next meeting, as well as budget information regarding the Golf Recycling program.

Know Where to Throw, America Recycles Day should be kept on agenda to help with information dissemination. Upcoming events: Cyclovia April 6th and Earth Day in April. Discussion regarding incorporation of small business in America Recycles Day held.

Brief discussion regarding the restructuring of subcommittees held. If Waste Diversion becomes a permanent subcommittee then members should consider what organization of agenda items best utilizes everyone's time and is most efficient.

2. **Director's Report** – No report given.
3. **Collections – Pat Tapia** Downtown compactors are being used to try to improve the downtown appearance, eliminate multiple metal containers and make use of confinement of space. Cons include sharing containers and sharing responsibility for proper use and maintenance. Bills are based on percentage of usage and the unit notifies Environmental Services when it's full. Future locations discussed.

Orchard River collections currently require a smaller truck and a helper. Pat Tapia is meeting with Orchard River to propose providing larger containers to eliminate smaller route, and labor associated with it. Several other similar routes are also being addressed.

Curb to Alley has been transitioning over three years to attempt to eliminate costs associated with servicing both alley and curb containers. The primary service will be the alley service, and retention of curb containers will result in an \$11 charge. There may be an option to remove alley containers and keep only curb containers if that option is more logical given circumstances. All customers are contacted to choose if they want to retain their curb containers and incur the extra charge. If no selection is made they will automatically be charged.

- 4. Public Outreach – Cristina Polsgrove** New Do More Blue @ Work posters have arrived. The posters are targeted based on location and placement.

Middle School Truck Recycling Poster closed on Saturday, February 1, 2014. More information will be available shortly.

Facebook Compost Bin/Garden Photo Contest only has two entries thus far. Discussion regarding information dissemination held.

Discussion regarding information deleted from the Cascadia Report held. Director Quigley requested data on best practices for communications and messaging. Environmental Services has enlisted Strong Point Marketing to submit a proposal for department wide data collection and compilation.

- 5. Recycling – Fran LaSala** TreeCycle 2013/2014 has come to a successful conclusion. Collection numbers are down from previous years, but counting methods have changed. Program will continue despite numbers. Trees can still be removed through Brush & Bulky, drop off sites are being monitored for trees.

Neighborhood Recycling Center evaluation is trying to reduce sites from 12 to 9 and reduce boxes by 9 boxes on the sites. Udall site is under consideration for elimination; all sites are being monitored for contamination and clean up. Three other possible sites being evaluated for new site locations are Ward 2, a police station on Miracle Mile and a fire station on Mission. If three new sites are opened, 5 existing sites will be closed. Sites need to be public to avoid contamination.

Compost Cats IGA has been signed. Collection is expected to have begun by the next meeting. Already a grocery store has expressed interest in participation.

Waste Diversion Committee has been postponed to March 4, 2014.

- 6. Call to the Audience –** No audience.
- 7. Set Date/Time and Future Agenda Items for Next Meeting –** March 4, 2014 at 3:30 PM at Ward 6. Future agenda items due to Lucy by February 25, 2014.
- 8. Adjournment –** Meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.